In re Patent Application of FRUHAUF

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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough and careful examination of the present application. Claims 1-33 remain in this application. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected the claims under obviousnesstype double patenting over claims 1-33 of U.S. Patent No. 6,439,464. Applicants disagree with the Examiner's position because, at least, the mode configuration circuit of the present claims (e.g. Claim 1) is for configuring the multimode IC in one of the ISO mode and the non-ISO mode based upon a signal on one pad of the first set of pads. This feature is not included in the claims of the '464 patent. However, to advance the prosecution and expedite the allowance of the present application, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully \submitted,

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